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REPORT OF THE COP

A. OCP Conference on Defeats in Borth China

Han-ching, 28 Nov 1948 (CHA) -- After the Chinese Commists organized the Herib China Liberated Area under Hich Yung-chen, the COP had several disastrous defeats. Leaders of the COP, No Tas-tung, Chen Ha-lai, and Chu-teh, called a conference of party and military leaders to study the causes of these failures and to propose countermeasures.

The wauses for the defeats were found to be: (1) Military -- competent leader-hip of Gen Fu, swift movements of treeps and concentration of strength under Fu's command, and high morals of Fu's treeps; (2) Pelitical -- excellent organization of the people under the 'wristication of the Markh China Empiression Emalguerters, strengther of fortifications and electring of food and forage from the people why like the formulation of the Communists to fight quick, decisive bastles, and imability of the Communist forces to maintain adequate supply of rations.

If in the continued be strongthen his local armed organizations, that would be to the discoverage of the Commutate. As countermournes, it was proposed that political means be adopted to sev discover among the people. This would prevent in from being able to control them. It was also proposed to order the East China Burben and the Earth China Burben to spread remove along the Shang-hai-Shu-ching and Tiem-ching-Poi-ping railreed lines and to intensify the propaganda off-maive. This would cause the Control Government to distrust Su.

The COP decided to increase its fifth-column activities by infiltration, setting up cells in the various erganisations of the areas under the control of government former. When the appartume moment arrives, those cells will begin their activities in coordination with the anticipated political offensive.

B. Gomeral Situation of the CCP

The following items reveal that all is not running smoothly behind the iron curtain.

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The CCP Political Bureau is giving greater attention to the Communist labor movements in Nationalist Government territory. The Bureau realizes that more attention must be paid to the broader phases of the development of labor movements rather than concentration on one specific area because many local movements are not successful. Most labor movements are purely economic in nature, not easily geared to the intense and effective political struggles astigated by students. Many labor leaders are unfamiliar with party strategy and line, and are not capable of taking charge in the midst of battle and giving competent direction. Some incompetent leaders are guilty of serious leftist deviations, as revealed by the incident concerning Shen-hein Factory No 9, where the party suffered a severe sat-back.

For these reasons the CCP issued the following directive: (a) intensify the all-out fight against the Nationalist Covernment and the US; (b) increase the number of fifth-column workers and strongthen the ties between various labor organizations; (c) join with the students to form a unified front; (d) take in the industrialists and merchants, the elements in the Nationalist Government which are not strongly pro-NAT, members of the Democratic Party, soldiers, and police; and (e) concentrate strength and power to strike at the government and the enterprises of the bureaucratic capitalists.

2. Oppression and Reclamation of Land

In their areas, the Communists steel cattle and conscript all ablebodied young men, causing middle-class farmers to flee to escape conscription. Heavy taxes have resulted in the abnormal situation of full granaries and Communist officials who have become sealthy suddenly. The people, porishing for lack of food, have become too weak to till the soil, which goes to waste. The Communists, alarmed, have started "Reclaim the Wastelands" movements hoping to squeeze more from the farmers; but popular faith in the Communists is gone because of their unfair land policies.

The following invidents reveal the cruelty of Communist bandits.

The inhabitants of a village in East Hopeh, unable to endure Communist oppression, rose in revolt, killed the CCP officials, and burned their own village. A military detachment was sent to this village, which was surrounded and most of the villagers were killed.

The people of Wei Heien is south Hopeh rebelled against Communist eppression and, after several clashes, the revolt spread to other areas. CCF troops sont from Ch'u-lu crushed the people with horrible atrocities.

More than 800 wounded Communist officers and men in Lilchia Apto of Hai-ch'en Haien in Shanai, starving on one-fifth pint of grain per day, revolted and raided the arsenal and grazary. Troops were sent to put down the revolt and the wounded men were forced to give up their grain and arms. The people, angered by this action, stoned to death a CCF stuff officer. Fearing a collapse in the movals of the armed forces if this news were to spread. Mso sent Wu Hsin-gra and Li Me-lin to negotiate with the wounded men. As a result, they were guaranteed better and sufficient food in the future.

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